



Arizona Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit Task Force

MEETING MINUTES

September 27, 2016

2:00 PM

Arizona State Capitol, Executive Tower, Eighth Floor Conference Room
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

A general meeting of the Arizona Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit Task Force convened on September 27, 2016 at the Arizona State Capitol, Executive Tower, Eighth Floor Conference Room located at 1700 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. Notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the Commission.

Members Present

Bill Montgomery (Co-Chair)	Christina Corieri	Todd Larson
Frank Milstead (Co-Chair)	Kate Brophy McGee	Alan Goodwin (on behalf of Barbara LaWall)
Blaine Gaddow (on behalf of Mark Brnovich)	Jesse Delmar	Debbie Lesko
Colleen Clase	Katie Hobbs	Myriah Mhoon
	Jessye Johnson	

Members Absent

Mark Dannels	Sheila Polk	Pete Wingert
Phil Lovas	Mary Roberts	

Staff Present

Courtney Coolidge

A. CALL TO ORDER

Frank Milstead called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

B. INTRODUCTION OF TASK FORCE MEMBERS

Co-Chairs invited Task Force members to introduce themselves.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Task Force approved the September 12, 2016 minutes by unanimous vote.

D. OPEN DISCUSSION ON POTENTIAL TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

Courtney Coolidge went over a list of changes that members submitted to the original draft including minor edits to the following sections in the report; medical forensic examination, law enforcement, crime laboratory and education. The Task Force members discussed the policy for victims who choose to not report their assault to law enforcement. Bill Montgomery indicated the victim should be provided with notice as to the process and timeline for destruction of their kit should they choose not to report. At the time of the assault victims are receiving a lot of information and going through many emotions, therefore in addition to the

information the victim is given about the kit, the Task Force members agreed that law enforcement or a designee should attempt to contact the victim prior to kit destruction.

Ms. Coolidge explained various changes to the model policy. Task Force members decided for statewide recommendations it was important to focus on a model policy that addresses the collection, impounding and processing of sex crimes evidence kits.

Ms. Coolidge informed the Task Force members of a new section that was added to the report for Task Force review. The Task Force has done its best to ensure all affected parties were involved in the Task Force, but understands there may be need for review after best practices are implemented. Ms. Coolidge recommends that the members of the Task Force meet in six months to review any feedback from stakeholders.

E. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Montgomery gave the call to the public with no responses.

F. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:09 p.m.